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Exercise - I (Conceptual Questions) Build Up Your Understanding

HUYGEN'S WAVE THEORY OF LIGHT

1. Which of the following phenomenon can not be explained by the Huygen's theory -
(1) Refraction (2) Reflection
(3) Diffraction (4) Polarization

2. Huygen's principle is applicable to -
(1) Only light waves
(2) Only sound waves
(3) Only mechanical waves
(4) For all the above waves

3. According to huygen's theory of secondary wavelets, following can be explained -
(1) Propagation of light in medium
(2) Reflection of light
(3) Refraction of light
(4) All of the above

4. Huygen's theory of secondary waves can be used to find-
(1) Velocity of light
(2) The wavelength of light
(3) Wave front geometrically
(4) Magnifying power of microscope

5. The main drawback of huygen's theory was-
(1) Failure in explanation of rectilinear propagation of lignt
(2) Failure of explain the spectrum of white light
(3) Failure to explain the formation of newton's rings
(4) A failure of experimental verification of ether medium

6. Light has a wave nature, because-
(1) The light travel in a straight line
(2) Light exhibits phenomenon of reflection and refraction
(3) Light exhibits phenomenon of interference
(4) Light exhibits phenomenon of photo electric effect

7. Wave nature of light is verified by-
(1) Interference
(2) Photo electric effect
(3) Reflection
(4) Refraction

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INTERFERENCE

8. The energy in the phenomenon of interference:
(1) is conserved, gets redistributed
(2) is equal at every point
(3) is destroyed in regions of dark fringes
(4) is created at the place of bright fringes

9. The resultant amplitude in interference with two coherent sources depends upon :
(1) only amplitude
(2) only phase difference
(3) on both the above
(4) none of the above

10. Which of following nature of light waves is supported by the phenomenon of interference:
(1) longitudinal
(2) transverse
(3) both transverse and longitudinal
(4) None of the above

11. For distinct interference pattern to be observed, necessary condition is that ratio of intensity of light emission by both the sources should be :
(1) 2 : 1 (2) 1 : 2 (3) 1 : 1 (4) 1 : 4

12. The phase difference corresponding to path difference of x is :
(1) $\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}$ (2) $\frac{2\pi\lambda}{x}$ (3) $\frac{\pi x}{\lambda}$ (4) $\frac{\pi\lambda}{x}$

13. The coherent source of light produces constructive interference when phase difference between them is :
(1) π (2) $\frac{1}{2}\pi$ (3) $\frac{3}{2}\pi$ (4) 2π

14. Phenomenon of interference is not observed by two sodium lamps of same power. It is because both waves have :
(1) not constant phase difference
(2) zero phase difference
(3) different intensity
(4) different frequencies

15. Coherent sources can be obtained :
(1) only by division of wave front
(2) only by division of amplitude
(3) both by division of amplitude and wave front
(4) none of the above

16. In an interference of light derived from two slit apertures, if at some point on the screen, yellow light has a path difference of $\frac{3\lambda}{2}$, then the fringe at that point will be :
(1) yellow in colour (2) white in colour
(3) dark (4) bright

17. Two beams of light having intensities I and 4I interfer to produce a fringe pattern on a screen. The phase difference between the beam is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ at point A and 2π at point B. Then find out the difference between the resultant intensities at A and B.
(1) 2I (2) 5I (3) I (4) 4I

18. Amplitude of waves observed by two light sources of same wave length are a and 2a and have a phase difference of π between them. Then minimum intensity of light will be proportional to :
(1) 0 (2) $5a^2$ (3) a^2 (4) $9a^2$

19. If the intensity of the waves observed by two coherent sources is I. Then the intensity of resultant wave in constructive interference will be :-
(1) 2I (2) 4I
(3) I (4) None of the above

20. If intensity of each of the two waves is I and they are having phase difference of 120^0, when the waves are superimposed, then the resultant intensity will be :
(1) I (2) 2I (3) I/2 (4) 4I

21. Ratio of intensity of two waves is 25 : 1. If interference occurs, then ratio of maximum and minimum intensity should be :
(1) 25 : 1 (2) 5 : 1 (3) 9 : 4 (4) 4 : 9

22. The intensity of two waves is 2 and 3 unit, then average intensity of light in the overlapping region will have the value :
(1) 2.5 (2) 6 (3) 5 (4) 13

23 The light waves from two independent monochromatic light sources are given by - $y_1 = 2\sin(\omega t - kx)$ and $y_2 = 3\cos(\omega t - kx)$, then the following statement is correct
(1) Both the waves are coherent
(2) Both the waves are incoherent
(3) Both the waves have different time periods
(4) None of the above

24. The phenomenon of interference is shown by :
(1) Longitudinal mechanical waves only
(2) Transverse mechanical waves only
(3) Electromagnetic waves only
(4) All the above type of waves

25. For the sustained interference of light, the necessary condition is that the two sources should :
(1) Have constant phase difference
(2) Be narrow
(3) Be close to each other
(4) Of same amplitude

26. If ratio of amplitude of two interfering source is 3 : 5. Then ratio of intensity of maxima and minima in interference pattern will be :
(1) 25 : 16 (2) 5 : 3 (3) 16 : 1 (4) 25 : 9

27. Two coherent light beams of intensity I and 4I are superposed. The maximum and minimum possible intensities in the resulting beam are :
(1) 5I and 3I (2) 5I and I
(3) 9I and 3I (4) 9I and I

28. Two coherent sources of intensities I_1 and I_2 produce an interference pattern. The maximum intensity in the interference pattern will be :
(1) $I_1 + I_2$ (2) $I_1^2 + I_2^2$
(3) $(I_1 + I_2)^2$ (4) $\left(\sqrt{I_1} + \sqrt{I_2}\right)^2$

29. Two wave are represented by the equations $y_1 = a \sin \omega t$ and $y_2 = a \cos \omega t$. The first wave :
(1) Leads the second by π
(2) Lags the second by π
(3) Leads the second by $\frac{\pi}{2}$
(4) Lags the second by $\frac{\pi}{2}$

30. The resultant amplitude of a vibrating particle by the superposition of the two waves $y_1 = a\sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ and $y_2 = a \sin \omega t$ is :-
(1) a (2) $\sqrt{2}$ a (3) 2a (4) $\sqrt{3}$ a

31. Two coherent sources of different intensities send waves which interfere. If the ratio of maximum and minimum intensity in the interference pattern is 25 then find ratio of intensities of sources :
(1) 25 : 1 (2) 5 : 1
(3) 9 : 4 (4) 25 : 16

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32. What is the path difference of destructive interference :
(1) $n\lambda$ (2) $n(\lambda + 1)$
(3) $\frac{(n+1)\lambda}{2}$ (4) $\frac{(2n+1)\lambda}{2}$

33. If an interference pattern have maximum and minimum intensities in 36 :1 ratio then what will be the ratio of amplitudes :
(1) 5 : 7 (2) 7 : 4 (3) 4 : 7 (4) 7 : 5

34. When a thin transparent plate of thickness t and refractive index μ is placed in the path of one of the two interfering waves of light, then the path difference changes by :
(1) $(\mu + 1)t$ (2) $(\mu - 1)t$
(3) $\frac{(\mu+1)}{t}$ (4) $\frac{(\mu-1)}{t}$

35. Due to effect of interference, floating oil layer in water is visible coloured, due to observation of this event the thickness of oil layer should be :
(1) 10 nm (2) 0.1 μm
(3) 1 mm (4) 10 mm

36. If intensity ratio of two interfering waves is 9 : 1 then ratio of maximum to minimum amplitude of resultant wave is :-
(1) 2 : 1 (2) 3 : 2 (3) 1 : 3 (4) 5 : 2

37. For coherent sources which is essential :-
(1) colour same (2) ϕ constant
(3) ν different (4) Amplitude same

38. When exposed to sunlight, thin films of oil on water often exhibit brilliant colors due to the phenomenon of –
(1) interference (2) diffraction
(3) dispersion (4) polarisation

39. If $\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{9}{1}$ then $\frac{I_{max}}{I_{min}} = ?$
(1) 100 : 64 (2) 64 : 100
(3) 4 : 1 (4) 1 : 4

40. Soap bubble appears coloured due to the phenomenon of :-
(1) Total internal reflection
(2) Interference by division of amplitude
(3) Interference by division of wavefront
(4) Diffraction of light

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41. Two coherent light sources emit light of the
(1) same intensity
(2) different frequency
(3) constant phase difference but different wavelengths
(4) same frequency having constant phase difference

YDSE

42. In Young's experiment, if the amplitude of interferring waves are unequal then the :
(1) contrast in the fringes decreases
(2) contrast in the fringes increase
(3) number of fringes will increase
(4) number of fringes will decrease

43. Young's experiment proves that which of the following fact :
(1) light is made up of particles
(2) light is made up of waves
(3) light is made up of neither waves nor particles
(4) fringe width doesn't depend upon the spacing between slits.

44. Which of the following statement is true, in Young's experiment, separation between the slits is gradually increased :
(1) fringe width increases and fringes disappear
(2) fringe width decreases and fringes disappear
(3) fringes become blurred
(4) fringe width remains constant and fringes are more bright

45. In Young's double slit experiment :
(1) only interference occurs
(2) only diffraction occurs
(3) both interference and diffraction occurs
(4) none of the above

46. In Young's double slit experiment, one of the slits is so painted that intensity of light emitted from it is half of that of the light emitted from other slit. Then:
(1) fringe system will disappear
(2) bright fringes will become brighter and dark fringes will be darker
(3) both bright and dark fringes will become darker
(4) dark fringes will become less dark and bright fringes will become less bright.

47. In white light interference, nearest to the central (bright) fringe, will have which of the following colour
(1) violet (2) yellow
(3) red (4) green

48. In Young's double slit experiment, wavelength of light is 6000Å. Then the phase difference between the light waves reaching the third bright fringe from the central fringe will be :
(1) zero (2) 2π (3) 4π (4) 6π

49. If intensity of each wave in the observed interference pattern in Young's double slit experiment is I_0. then for some point P where the phase difference is ϕ , intensity I will be :
(1) $I = I_0 \cos\phi$ (2) $I = I_0 \cos^2\phi$
(3) $I = I_0 (1+\cos\phi)$ (4) $I = 2I_0(1+\cos\phi)$

50. In Young's double slit experiment, bright fringes are of :
(1) equal widths and unequal intensities
(2) unequal widths and equal intensities
(3) equal widths and equal intensities
(4) unequal widths and unequal intensities

51. In Young's experiment, monochromatic light through a single slit S is used to illuminate the two slits S_1 and S_2. Interference fringes are obtained on a screen. The fringe width is found to be w. Now a thin sheet of mica (thickness t and refractive index μ) is placed near and in front of one of the two slits. Now the fringe width is found to be w′, then :
(1) $w' = w/\mu$ (2) $w' = w\mu$
(3) $w' = (\mu - 1)$ tw (4) $w' = w$

52. In Young's double slit experiment, the two slits act as coherent sources of equal amplitude A and wavelength λ. In another experiment with the same set up the two slits are sources of equal amplitude A and wavelength λ but are incoherent. The ratio of the intensity of light at the mid-point of the screen in the first case to that in the second case is :
(1) 4 : 1
(2) 2 : 1
(3) 1 : 1
(4) None of the above

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53. In Young's double slit experiment, if the width of the slits are in the ratio 4 : 9 the ratio of the intensity of maxima to the intensity at minima will be :
(1) 169 : 25 (2) 81 : 16
(3) 25 : 1 (4) 9 : 4

54. In an interference experiment, the spacing between successive maxima or minima is :
(1) $\frac{\lambda d}{D}$ (2) $\frac{\lambda D}{d}$ (3) $\frac{dD}{\lambda}$ (4) $\frac{\lambda d}{4D}$

55. Young's experiment is performed in air and then performed in water, the fringe width :
(1) Will remain same (2) Will decrease
(3) Will increase (4) Will be infinite

56. In Young's experiment, one slit is covered with a blue filter and the other with a yellow filter. Then the interference pattern :
(1) Will be blue
(2) Will be yellow
(3) Will be green
(4) Will not be formed

57. In Young's double slit experiment, a mica sheet of thickness t and refractive index μ is introduced in the path of ray from the first source S_1. By how much distance the fringe pattern will be displaced:-
(1) $\frac{d}{D}(\mu-1)t$ (2) $\frac{D}{d}(\mu-1)t$
(3) $\frac{d}{(\mu-1)D}$ (4) $\frac{D}{d}(\mu-1)$

58. In Young's experiment, light of wavelength 6000Å is used to produce fringes of width 0.8 mm at a distance of 2.5 m. If the whole experiment is deep in a liquid of refractive index 1.6, then fringe width will be :
(1) 0.5 mm (2) 0.6 mm
(3) 0.4 mm (4) 0.2 mm

59. If a transparent medium of refractive index $\mu = 1.5$ and thickness $t = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ m is inserted in front of the slits of Young's Double slit experiment, how much will be the shift in the interference pattern? The distance between the slits is 0.5 mm and that between slits and screen is 100 cm :
(1) 5 cm (2) 2.5 cm
(3) 0.25 cm (4) 0.1 cm

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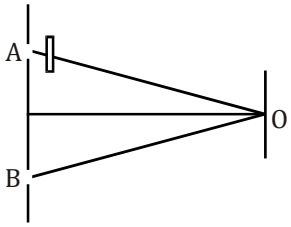
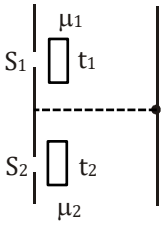
60. In Young's experiment, monochromatic light is used to illuminate the two slits A and B. Interference fringes are observed on a screen placed in front of the slits.
Now if a thin glass plate is placed normally in the path of the beam coming from the slit then :



(1) The fringes will disappear
(2) The fringe width will decrease
(3) The fringe width will increase
(4) There will be no change in the fringe width

61. The central fringe of interference pattern produced by light of wavelength 6000Å is found to shift to the position of 4th bright fringe, after a glass plate of $\mu = 1.5$ is introduced. The thickness of the glass plate is :
(1) 4.8 μm (2) 8.23 μm
(3) 14.98 μm (4) 3.78 μm

62. In a Young's double slit experiment, a slab of thickness 1.2 μm and refractive index 1.5 is placed in front of one slit and another slab of thickness t and refractive index 2.5 is placed in front of the second slit. If the position of the central fringe remains unaltered, then the thickness t is–



(1) 0.4 μm (2) 0.8 μm
(3) 1.2 μm (4) 7 μm

63. In Y.D.S.E. the fringe width is 0.2 mm. If wavelength of light is increase by 10% and separation between the slits is increased by 10% then fringe width will be :
(1) 0.20 mm (2) 0.165 mm
(3) 0.401 mm (4) 0.242 mm

64. A very thin transparent film of soap solution (thickness $\rightarrow$ 0) is seen under reflection of white light. Then the colour of the film appear to be :
(1) blue (2) black
(3) red (4) yellow

65. In Young's double slit experiment, if monochromatic light is replaced by white light :
(1) All bright fringes become white
(2) All bright fringes have coloures between violet and red
(3) Only the central fringe is white, all other fringes are coloured
(4) No fringes are observed

66. The fringe width in Young's double slit experiment increases when :
(1) Wavelength increases
(2) Distance between the slits increases
(3) Distance between the source and screen decreases
(4) Frequency of incident light increases

67. Young's double slit experiment is performed with light of wavelength 550 nm. The separation between the slits is 1.10 mm and screen is placed at distance of 1m. What is the distance between the consecutive bright or dark fringes.
(1) 1.5 mm (2) 1.0 mm
(3) 0.5 mm (4) None of these

68. In the Young's double slit experiment, for which colour the fringe width is least ?
(1) Red (2) Green
(3) Blue (4) Yellow

69. If the sodium light in Young's double slit experiment is replaced by red light, the fringe width will :
(1) Decrease
(2) Increase
(3) Remain unaffected
(4) First increase, then decrease

70. A double slit experiment is performed with light of wavelength 500 nm. A thin film of thickness 2μm and refractive index 1.5 is introduced in the path of the upper beam. The location of the central maximum will :
(1) Remain unshifted
(2) Shift downward by nearly two fringes
(3) Shift upward by nearly two fringes
(4) Shift downward by 10 fringes

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71. In YDSE experiment, when two light waves make third minima, then they have :-
(1) Phase difference of 3π
(2) Phase difference of $\frac{5\pi}{2}$
(3) Path difference of 3λ
(4) Path difference of $\frac{5\lambda}{2}$

72. A monochromatic beam of light is used for the formation of fringes on the screen by illuminating the two slits in the Young's double slit interference experiment. When a thin film of mica is interposed in the path of one of the interfering beams then :
(1) The fringe width increases
(2) The fringe width decreases
(3) The fringe width remains the same but the pattern shifts
(4) The fringe pattern disappears

73. In an interference experiment, third bright fringe is obtained at a point on the screen with a light of 700 nm. What should be the wavelength of the light in order to obtain 5^{th} bright fringe at the same point?
(1) 500 nm (2) 630 nm
(3) 750 nm (4) 420 nm

74. In a double slit experiment if light of wavelength 5000 Å is used then fringe width of 1 mm is obtained. If now light of wavelength 6000 Å is used without altering the system then new fringe width will be :
(1) 1 mm (2) 0·5 mm
(3) 1·2 mm (4) 1·5 mm

75. Monochromatic green light has wavelength 5×10^{-7} m. The separation between slits is 1 mm. The fringe width of interference pattern obtained on screen at a distance of 2 meter is :
(1) 1 mm (2) 0.5 mm
(3) 2 mm (4) 0.1 mm

76. In Young's double slit experiment when wavelength of 700 nm is used then fringe width of 0.7 mm is obtained. If wavelength of 500nm is used then what is the fringe width?
(1) 0.35 mm (2) 0.5 mm
(3) 3.5 mm (4) 5 mm

77. What will be the effect on fringe width, when distance between slits become doubled-
(1) 1/2 times (2) 2 times
(3) 1/4 times (4) Unchanged

DIFFRACTION

78. The conversation going on, in some room, can be heared by the person outside the room. The reason for it is :
(1) Interference of sound
(2) Reflection of sound
(3) Diffraction of sound
(4) Refraction of sound

79. Phenomenon of diffraction occurs :
(1) only in case of light and sound waves
(2) for all kinds of waves
(3) for electro-magnetic waves and not for matter waves
(4) for light waves but not is case of X rays

80. Which of the following ray gives more distinct diffraction :
(1) X-ray (2) light ray
(3) γ –ray (4) Radio wave

81. All fringes of diffraction are of :
(1) the same intensity
(2) unequal width
(3) the same width
(4) full darkness

82. What happens, when the width of the slit aperture is increased in an experiment of single slit diffraction experiment :
(1) spread of diffraction region is increased
(2) spread of diffraction region is decreased
(3) spread of diffraction region will be decreased and mid-band becomes narrow
(4) none of the above

83. Light waves do not travels strictly in straight line, can be best explained by :
(1) Particle nature of light
(2) Diffraction
(3) Interference
(4) Polarisation

84. In the diffraction pattern of a single slit aperture, the width of the central fringe compared to widths of the other fringes, is :
(1) equal (2) less
(3) little more (4) double

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85. Diffracted fringes obtained from the slit aperture are of :-
(1) same width
(2) different width
(3) uniform intensity
(4) non-uniform width & non uniform intensity

86. Central fringe obtained in diffraction pattern due to a single slit :
(1) is of minimum intensity
(2) is of maximum intensity
(3) intensity does not depend upon slit width
(4) none of the above

87. In a single slit diffraction pattern, if the light source is used of less wavelength than previous one. Then width of the central fringe will be :
(1) less
(2) increase
(3) unchanged
(4) none of the above

88. In the laboratory, diffraction of light by a single slit is being observed. If slit is made slightly narrow, then diffraction pattern will :
(1) be more spreaded than before
(2) be less spreaded than before
(3) be spreaded as before
(4) be disappeared

89. For Fraunhofer single slit diffraction :
(1) width of central maxima is proportional to λ
(2) on increasing the slit width, the width of central maxima decreases
(3) on making the slit width a = λ, central fringe spreads in the range $\pm 90°$
(4) all of the above are correct

90. In a Fraunhofer's diffraction by a slit, if slit width is a, wavelength λ, focal length of lens is f, linear width of central maxima is :
(1) $\frac{f\lambda}{a}$ (2) $\frac{fa}{\lambda}$ (3) $\frac{2f\lambda}{a}$ (4) $\frac{f\lambda}{2a}$

91. In a Fraunhofer's diffraction obtained by a single slit aperture, the value of path difference for n^{th} order of minima is :
(1) $n\lambda$ (2) $2n\lambda$
(3) $(2n-1)\lambda/2$ (4) $(2n-1)\lambda$

92. A light source of 5000Å wavelength produces a single slit diffraction. The first minima in diffraction pattern is seen, at a distance of 5mm from central maxima. The distance between screen and slit is 2 metre. The width of slit in mm will be :
(1) 0.1 (2) 0.4 (3) 0.2 (4) 2

93. A plane wave front of wavelength 6000 Å is incident upon a slit of 0.2mm width, which enables Fraunhofer's diffraction pattern to be obtained on a screen 2 metre away. Width of the central maxima in mm will be :
(1) 10 (2) 12 (3) 8 (4) 2

94. The waves of 600μm wave length are incident normally on a slit of 1.2mm width. The value of diffraction angle corresponding to the first minima will be (in radian) :
(1) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (2) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (3) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (4) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

95. In Fraunhoffer diffraction the centre of diffraction image is :
(1) always bright
(2) always dark
(3) sometimes bright and sometimes dark
(4) bright for large wavelength and dark for low wavelength

96. A single slit of width d is placed in the path of beam of wavelength λ. The angular width of the principal maximum obtained is :
(1) $\frac{d}{\lambda}$ (2) $\frac{\lambda}{d}$ (3) $\frac{2\lambda}{d}$ (4) $\frac{2d}{\lambda}$

97. Bending of light waves at the sharp edges of an opaque obstacle is known as
(1) refraction (2) reflection
(3) diffraction (4) interference

98. Diffraction and interference of light refers to:
(1) quantum nature of light
(2) wave nature of light
(3) transverse nature of light
(4) electromagnetic nature of light

99. The phenomenon of diffraction of light was discovered by :
(1) Huygens (2) Newton
(3) Fresnel (4) Grimaldi

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100. Angular width (θ) of central maximum of a diffraction pattern of a single slit does not depend upon :
(1) Distance between slit and source
(2) Wavelength of light used
(3) Width of the slit
(4) Frequency of light used

101. Red light is generally used to observe diffraction pattern from single slit. If green light is used instead of red light, then diffraction pattern :
(1) Will be more clear
(2) Will be contract
(3) Will be expanded
(4) Will not visualize

102. Diffraction of sound waves is more evident than light waves in daily life because :-
(1) $\lambda_{Sound} > \lambda_{light}$
(2) $\lambda_{sound} = \lambda_{light}$
(3) $\lambda_{sound} < \lambda_{light}$
(4) Sound waves are longitudinal but light waves are transverse.

103. In single slit Fraunhoffer diffraction which type of wavefront is required :
(1) cylindrical (2) spherical
(3) elliptical (4) plane

104. If in Fraunhofer diffraction due to a single slit, the slit width is increased, then the width of the central maximum will
(1) increase
(2) decrease
(3) not change
(4) change depends on the wavelength of light used

POLARISATION, BREWSTER LAW AND MALUS LAW

105. A polariser is used to :
(1) Reduce intensity of light
(2) Produce polarised light
(3) Increase intensity of light
(4) Produce unpolarised light

106. Light waves can be polarised as they are :
(1) Transverse
(2) Of high frequency
(3) Longitudinal
(4) Reflected

107. Through which character we can distinguish the light waves from sound waves :
(1) Interference (2) Refraction
(3) Polarisation (4) Reflection

108. Which of following can not be polarised :
(1) Radio waves (2) Ultraviolet rays
(3) Infrared rays (4) Ultrasonic waves

109. The transverse nature of light is shown by
(1) Interference of light
(2) Refraction of light
(3) Polarisation of light
(4) Dispersion of light

110. The angle of polarisation for any medium is 60°, what will be critical angle for this :
(1) $\sin^{-1}\sqrt{3}$ (2) $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3}$
(3) $\cos^{-1}\sqrt{3}$ (4) $\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

111. The angle of incidence at which reflected light is totally polarized for reflection from air to glass (refractive index n)
(1) $\sin^{-1}(n)$ (2) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$
(3) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ (4) $\tan^{-1}(n)$

112. A ray of light is incident on the surface of a glass plate at an angle of incidence equal to Brewster's angle ϕ. If μ represents the refractive index of glass with respect to air, then the angle between reflected and refracted rays is :
(1) $90 + \phi$
(2) $\sin^{-1}(\mu\cos\phi)$
(3) 90°
(4) $90° - \sin^{-1}(\sin\phi/\mu)$

113. Refractive index of material is equal to tangent of polarizing angle. It is called.
(1) Brewster's law (2) Lambert's law
(3) Malus's law (4) Bragg's law

114. When unpolarized light beam is incident from air onto glass (n=1.5) at the polarizing angle :
(1) Reflected beam is 100 percent polarized
(2) Reflected and refracted beams are partially polarized
(3) The reflected and refracted ray will not perpendicular to each other
(4) All of the above

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115. When the angle of incidence on a material is 60°, the reflected light is completely polarized. The velocity of the refracted ray inside the material is (in ms^{-1}) :

(1) 3×10^8 (2) $\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times 10^8$

(3) $\sqrt{3} \times 10^8$ (4) 0.5×10^8

116. A polaroid is placed at 45° to an incoming light of intensity I_0. Now the intensity of light passing through polaroid after polarisation would be:

(1) I_0 (2) $I_0/2$ (3) $I_0/4$ (4) Zero

117. Plane polarised light is passed through a polaroid. On viewing through the polaroid we find that when the polaroid is given one complete rotation about the direction of the light, one of the following is observed.

(1) The intensity of light gradually decreases to zero and remains at zero

(2) The intensity of light gradually increases to a maximum and remains at maximum

(3) There is no change in intensity

(4) The intensity of light is twice maximum and twice zero

118. Polarised glass is used in sun glasses because :

(1) It reduces the light intensity to half on account of polarisation

(2) It is fashionable

(3) It has good colour

(4) It is cheaper

119. When a plane polarised light is passed through an analyser and analyser is rotated from 0 to 90°, the intensity of the emerging light :

(1) Varies between a maximum and minimum

(2) Becomes zero

(3) Does not vary

(4) Varies between a maximum and zero

120. When an unpolarized light of intensity I_0 is incident on a polarizing sheet, the intensity of the light which does not get transmitted is :

(1) Zero (2) I_0

(3) $\frac{1}{2} I_0$ (4) $\frac{1}{4} I_0$

EXERCISE-I (Conceptual Questions) ANSWER KEY

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Answer	4	4	4	3	4	3	1	1	3	4	3	1	4	1	3
Question	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Answer	3	4	3	2	1	3	3	2	4	1	3	4	4	4	4
Question	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
Answer	3	4	4	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	4	1	2	2	3
Question	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Answer	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	4	2	1	2	4
Question	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
Answer	1	1	1	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	3	1
Question	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
Answer	2	1	3	2	4	2	3	2	4	4	2	1	1	4	3
Question	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105
Answer	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	4	1	2	1	4	2	2
Question	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
Answer	1	3	4	3	4	4	3	1	1	3	2	4	1	4	3

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Exercise - II (Previous Year Questions) AIPMT/NEET

NEET-UG 2013

1. In Young's double slit experiment, the slits are 2mm apart and are illuminated by photons of two wavelengths $\lambda_1 = 12000Å$ and $\lambda_2 = 10000Å$. At what minimum distance from the common central bright fringe on the screen 2m from the slit will a bright fringe from one interference pattern coincide with a bright fringe from the other ?

(1) 3 mm (2) 8 mm
(3) 6 mm (4) 4 mm

2. A parallel beam of fast moving electrons is incident normally on a narrow slit. A fluorescent screen is placed at a large distance from the slit. If the speed of the electrons is increased, which of the following statements is correct ?

(1) The angular width of central maximum will be unaffacted.
(2) Diffraction pattern is not observed on the screen in the case of electrons.
(3) The angular width of the central maximum of the diffraction pattern will increase.
(4) The angular width of the central maximum will decrease.

AIPMT 2014

3. In the Young's double-slit experiment, the intensity of light at a point on the screen where the path difference is λ is K, (λ being the wave length of light used). The intensity at a point where the path difference is $\lambda/4$, will be :-

(1) K (2) K/4 (3) K/2 (4) Zero

4. A beam of light of λ = 600 nm from a distant source falls on a single slit 1 mm wide and the resulting diffraction pattern is observed on a screen 2 m away. The distance between first dark fringes on either side of the central bright fringe is :-

(1) 1.2 cm (2) 1.2 mm
(3) 2.4 cm (4) 2.4 mm

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AIPMT 2015

5. In a double slit experiment, the two slits are 1 mm apart and the screen is placed 1 m away. A monochromatic light of wavelength 500 nm is used. What will be the width of each slit for obtaining ten maxima of double slit within the central maxima of single slit pattern ?

(1) 0.1 mm (2) 0.5 mm
(3) 0.02 mm (4) 0.2 mm

6. For a parallel beam of monochromatic light of wavelength 'λ', diffraction is produced by a single slit whose width 'a' is of the order of the wavelength of the light. If 'D' is the distance of the screen from the slit, the width of the central maxima will be :

(1) $\frac{D\lambda}{a}$ (2) $\frac{Da}{\lambda}$ (3) $\frac{2Da}{\lambda}$ (4) $\frac{2D\lambda}{a}$

Re-AIPMT 2015

7. At the first minimum adjacent to the central maximum of a single-slit diffraction pattern the phase difference between the Huygen's wavelet from the edge of the slit and the wavelet from the mid point of the slit is :-

(1) $\frac{\pi}{8}$ radian (2) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radian
(3) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radian (4) π radian

8. Two slits in Young's experiment have widths in the ratio 1 : 25. The ratio of intensity at the maxima and minima in the interference pattern, $\frac{I_{max}}{I_{min}}$ is :

(1) $\frac{4}{9}$ (2) $\frac{9}{4}$ (3) $\frac{121}{49}$ (4) $\frac{49}{121}$

NEET-I 2016

9. In a diffraction pattern due to a single slit of width 'a', the first minimum is observed at an angle 30° when light of wavelength 5000 Å is incident on the slit. The first secondary maximum is observed at an angle of :

(1) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$ (2) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$
(3) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (4) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

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10. The intensity at the maximum in a Young's double slit experiment is I_0. Distance between two slits is d = 5λ, where λ is the wavelength of light used in the experiment. What will be the intensity in front of one of the slits on the screen placed at a distance D = 10 d ?

(1) I_0 (2) $\frac{I_0}{4}$ (3) $\frac{3}{4}I_0$ (4) $\frac{I_0}{2}$

NEET-II 2016

11. The interference pattern is obtained with two coherent light sources of intensity ratio n. In the interference pattern, the ratio $\frac{I_{max}-I_{min}}{I_{max}+I_{min}}$ will be:-

(1) $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{(n+1)^2}$ (2) $\frac{2\sqrt{n}}{(n+1)^2}$

(3) $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ (4) $\frac{2\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$

12. A linear aperture whose width is 0.02 cm is placed immediately in front of a lens of focal length 60 cm. The aperture is illuminated normally by a parallel beam of wavelength 5×10^{-5} cm. The distance of the first dark band of the diffraction pattern from the centre of the screen is :-

(1) 0.20 cm (2) 0.15 cm
(3) 0.10 cm (4)0.25 cm

NEET(UG) 2017

13. The ratio of resolving powers of an optical microscope for two wavelengths λ_1 = 4000 Å and λ_2 = 6000 Å is :-

(1) 9 : 4 (2) 3 : 2 (3) 16 : 81 (4) 8 : 27

14. Young's double slit experiment is first performed in air and then in a medium other than air. It is found that 8th bright fringe in the medium lies where 5th dark fringe lies in air. The refractive index of the medium is nearly :-

(1) 1.59 (2) 1.69 (3) 1.78 (4) 1.25

15. Two Polaroids P_1 and P_2 are placed with their axis perpendicular to each other. Unpolarised light I_0 is incident on P_1 . A third polaroid P_3 is kept in between P_1 and P_2 such that its axis makes an angle 45° with that of P_1. The intensity of transmitted light through P_2 is :-

(1) $\frac{I_0}{4}$ (2) $\frac{I_0}{8}$ (3) $\frac{I_0}{16}$ (4) $\frac{I_0}{2}$

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NEET(UG) 2018

16. Unpolarised light is incident from air on a plane surface of a material of refractive index 'μ'. At a particular angle of incidence 'i', it is found that the reflected and refracted rays are perpendicular to each other. Which of the following options is correct for this situation?

(1) Reflected light is polarised with its electric vector parallel to the plane of incidence

(2) Reflected light is polarised with its electric vector perpendicular to the plane of incidence

(3) $i = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)$

(4) $i = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)$

17. In Young's double slit experiment the separation d between the slits is 2 mm, the wavelength λ of the light used is 5896 Å and distance D between the screen and slits is 100 cm. It is found that the angular width of the fringes is 0.20°. To increase the fringe angular width to 0.21° (with same λ and D) the separation between the slits needs to be changed to :-

(1) 1.8 mm (2) 1.9 mm
(3) 2.1 mm (4) 1.7 mm

18. An astronomical refracting telescope will have large angular magnification and high angular resolution, when it has an objective lens of :-

(1) small focal length and large diameter
(2) large focal length and small diameter
(3) large focal length and large diameter
(4) small focal length and small diameter

NEET(UG) 2019

19. In a double slit experiment, when light of wavelength 400 nm was used, the angular width of the first minima formed on a screen placed 1m away, was found to be 0.2°. What will be the angular width of the first minima, if the entire experimental apparatus is immersed in water (μ_{water} = 4/3)

(1) 0.266° (2) 0.15°
(3) 0.05° (4) 0.1°

NEET(UG) 2019 (Odisha)

20. In a Young's double slit experiment if there is no initial phase difference between the light from the two slits, a point on the screen corresponding to the fifth minimum has path difference.

(1) $5\frac{\lambda}{2}$ (2) $10\frac{\lambda}{2}$ (3) $9\frac{\lambda}{2}$ (4) $11\frac{\lambda}{2}$

21. Angular width of the central maxima in the Fraunhofer diffraction for λ = 6000 Å is θ_0. When the same slit is illuminated by another monochromatic light, the angular width decreases by 30%. The wavelength of this light is,

(1) 1800 Å (2) 4200 Å
(3) 6000 Å (4) 420 Å

NEET(UG) 2020

22. Assume that light of wavelength 600 nm is coming from a star. The limit of resolution of telescope whose objective has a diameter of 2 m is :

(1) 6.00×10^{-7} rad (2) 3.66×10^{-7} rad
(3) 1.83×10^{-7} rad (4) 7.32×10^{-7} rad

23. The Brewsters angle i_b for an interface should be:

(1) $i_b = 90°$ (2) $0° < i_b < 30°$
(3) $30° < i_b < 45°$ (4) $45° < i_b < 90°$

24. In Young's double slit experiment, if the separation between coherent sources is halved and the distance of the screen from the coherent sources is doubled, then the fringe width becomes :

(1) one-fourth (2) double
(3) half (4) four times

NEET(UG) 2020 (COVID-19)

25. Two coherent sources of light interfere and produce fringe pattern on a screen. For central maximum, the phase difference between the two waves will be

(1) zero (2) π (3) $3\pi/2$ (4) $\pi/2$

NEET(UG) 2021

26. A lens of large focal length and large aperture is best suited as an objective of an astronomical telescope since :

(1) a large aperture contributes to the quality and visibility of the images.
(2) a large area of the objective ensures better light gathering power.
(3) a large aperture provides a better resolution.
(4) all of the above.

NEET(UG) 2022

27. In a Young's double slit experiment, a student observes 8 fringes in a certain segment of screen when a monochromatic light of 600 nm wavelength is used. If the wavelength of light is changed to 400 nm, then the number of fringes he would observe in the same region of the screen is :

(1) 8 (2) 9 (3) 12 (4) 6

RE-NEET(UG) 2022

28. After passing through a polariser a linearly polarised light of intensity I is incident on an analyser making an angle of 30° with that of the polariser. The intensity of light emitted from the analyser will be :

(1) $\frac{I}{2}$ (2) $\frac{I}{3}$ (3) $\frac{3I}{4}$ (4) $\frac{2I}{3}$

29. If the screen is moved away from the plane of the slits in a Young's double slit experiment, then the :

(1) angular separation of the fringes increases
(2) angular separation of the fringes decreases
(3) linear separation of the fringes increases
(4) linear separation of the fringes decreases

EXERCISE-II (Previous Year Questions) ANSWER KEY

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Answer	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	2	2	3	2
Question	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Answer	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	4	4	1	4	3	3	3	

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Exercise - III (Analytical Questions) Master Your Understanding

INTERFERENCE

1. (A) Phase difference between various particles on a wave front is zero
(B) Normal to the wave front represents a ray of light.
(C) A point source of light gives rise to spherical wavefronts.
(D) A wave front always travels in forward direction in a medium.
Correct statements are –
(1) A and B only (2) A, B and C only
(3) C and D only (4) A, B, C and D

2. In YDSE, match the column-I & column-II

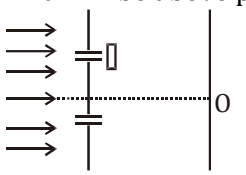
	Column-I		Column-II
(i)	Fringe width	(a)	$\frac{3\lambda D}{d}$
(ii)	Angular fringe width	(b)	$\frac{7\lambda D}{2d}$
(iii)	Position of 3rd bright w.r.t. centre	(c)	$\frac{\lambda}{d}$
(iv)	Position of 4th dark w.r.t. centre	(d)	$\frac{\lambda D}{d}$

(1) (i – a), (ii – b), (iii – c), (iv – d)
(2) (i – d), (ii – c), (iii – a), (iv – b)
(3) (i – d), (ii – c), (iii – b), (iv – a)
(4) (i – c), (ii – d), (iii – a), (iv – b)

3. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R).**
Assertion (A) : Wave nature can be proved by phenomena of interference and diffraction.
Reason (R) : Only transverse wave can show the phenomena of polarization.
In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:
(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.
(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

4. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R)**.
Assertion (A) : When width of one of the slits in Young's double slit experiment is four times that of the other, then brighter frings are nine times brighter than the dark fringes.
Reason (R) : The amplitude of the wave is proportional to the width of the slit.
In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:
(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.
(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

5. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R).**
Assertion (A) : In the figure shown zero order maxima will be above point "O".



Reason (R) : Zero order maxima means a point where the phase difference is zero.
In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:
(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.
(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.
(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

6. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R).**
Assertion (A) : If white light is used in place of monochromatic light in YDSE then central point is white. Although at other places coloured fringes will be obtained.

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Reason (R) : At centre, path difference is zero for each wave length. Hence all wave will interfere constructively.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.

(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

DIFFRACTION

7. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R).**

Assertion (A) : In case of single slit diffraction intensity of higher order maxima decreases.

Reason (R) : Higher order maxima are at larger distance.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.

(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

8. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R)**.

Assertion (A) : Out of radio waves and microwaves, the radio waves are more diffracted in daily life.

Reason (R) : Practically diffraction is more for waves which have longer wavelength.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.

(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

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9. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R)**.

Assertion (A) : Diffraction takes place for all types of waves mechanical or non-mechanical, transverse or longitudinal.

Reason (R) : Diffraction's effects are perceptible only if wavelength of wave is comparable to dimensions of diffracting device.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.

(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

10. Match the column :

	Column-A		Column-B
(A)	Fresnel distance equal to	(P)	$\theta = 90°$
(B)	In a single slit experiment, when $\Delta = a$, then angular width	(Q)	$\frac{a^2}{\lambda}$
(C)	In single slit experiment, angular width for first dark fringe.	(R)	$n\lambda$
(D)	Path difference for dark fringe in single slit diffraction	(S)	$\frac{\lambda}{a}$

(1) A $\rightarrow$ Q, B $\rightarrow$ P, C $\rightarrow$ S, D $\rightarrow$ R

(2) A $\rightarrow$ R, B $\rightarrow$ Q, C $\rightarrow$ P, D $\rightarrow$ S

(3) A $\rightarrow$ P, B $\rightarrow$ R, C $\rightarrow$ Q, D $\rightarrow$ P

(4) A $\rightarrow$ S, B $\rightarrow$ S, C $\rightarrow$ R, D $\rightarrow$ Q

11. In a single slit diffraction, for first maxima:

(i) $\Delta x = \lambda$ (ii) $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$

(iii) $\Delta x = \frac{3\lambda}{2}$ (iv) $\Delta\varphi = 3\pi$

(1) (i) and (ii) (2) (i) and (iv)

(3) (ii) and (iii) (4) (iii) and (iv)

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POLARISATION

12. Match the column :

(R → Rarer medium, D → Denser medium)

	Column-I		Column-II
(A)	When light is going from R to D and angle of polarisation θ_p then	(P)	$\theta_p = \tan^{-1}(\text{cosec } i_c)$
(B)	When light is going from D to R and angle of polarisation θ_p then	(Q)	$i_c = \text{cosec}^{-1}(\cot \theta_p)$
(C)	When light is going from R to D and i_c is critical angle then	(R)	$\theta_p = \tan^{-1}(\sin i_c)$
(D)	When light is going from for D to R and i_c is critical angle then	(S)	$i_c = \sin^{-1}(\cot \theta_p)$

Which one of the following can be taken correct?

(1) (A, S), (B, Q), (C, P), (D, R)

(2) (A, Q), (B, S), (C, P), (D, C)

(3) (A, S), (B, Q), (C, R), (D, P)

(4) (A, Q), (B, S), (C, R), (D, A)

13. When incident light is polarized in a plane perpendicular to the plane of incidence and it is incident at the angle of polarization

(A) Reflected light is perfectly polarised

(B) Refracted light will be partially polarised

(C) Reflected light is partially polarised

(D) There will be no reflection

(1) (A, B) (2) (B, C)

(3) (B, D) (4) (D)

14. In Nicol prism we get polarized light using the phenomenon of :

(A) Total internal reflection

(B) Selective absorption

(C) Scattering

(D) Double refraction

(1) A and B (2) B and D

(3) A and D (4) C and D

15. When sun light is incident on water surface at an angle of incidence 53°, the reflected ray is found to be completely polarized then

(A) The angle of refraction is 37°

(B) The refractive index of water is $\frac{3}{2}$

(C) The angle of refraction is 53°

(D) The refractive index of water is $\frac{4}{3}$

(1) A, B (2) B, C (3) C, D (4) A, D

16. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other is labelled as **Reason (R).**

Assertion (A) : If three polarisers are arranged such that the axis of any two successive polarisers make equal angle of 45° with each other. If unpolarised light of intensity I_0 incident on first polariser then intensity of emergent light after 3rd polariser is $\frac{I_0}{8}$.

Reason (R) : In given condition each time intensity becomes 50% by Malus law.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

(1) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(2) Both **(A)** and **(R)** are true and **(R)** is NOT the correct explanation of **(A)**.

(3) **(A)** is true but **(R)** is false.

(4) **(A)** is false but **(R)** is true.

EXERCISE-III (Analytical Questions) ANSWER KEY

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Answer	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	4	3	4
Question	16														
Answer	1														

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